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SUBJECT: CONGRESSIONAL INQUIRY ON PRISONER CASE

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1. IN RESPONSE SENATOR MONDALE'S INQUIRY REFTEL, EMBASSY HAS NOW RECEIVED INFORMATION FROM GVN SOURCES REGARDING STATUS OF TWO INDIVIDUALS WITH NAME "HO THI MINH NGUYET", NEITHER OF WHOM ARE NOW IN GVN CUSTODY.

2. RECORDS INDICATE A MISS NGUYET WHO WAS STUDENT AT THE SAIGON FACULTY OF LETTERS AND WHO WAS ARRESTED MAY 19, 1972 AT THE HIEGHT OF THE NORTH VIETNAMESE SPRING OFFENSIVE BY CAPITAL NATIONAL POLICE HEADQUARTERS. SHE ACKNOWLEDGED HAVING OPERATED FOR THE COMMUNISTS AS A MEMBER OF THE LIBERATION STUDENT ASSOCIATION USING THE ALIAS BA THU. SHE LED POLICE TO HER HOME WHERE THEY CONFISCATED A NUMBER OF ANTI-GOVERNMENT BOOKS AND PUBLICATIONS. SHE WAS RELEASED TO THE COMMUNIST SIDE ON MARCH 1, 1974. UNDER THE PROCEDURES FOR EXCHANGE OF CIVILIAN PERSONNEL, SUBJECT'S TURNOVER WAS WITNESSED BY REPRESENTATIVES OF THE TWO-PARTY JOINT MILITARY COMMISSION AND OF THE ICCS. IN ADDITION, REPRESENTATIVES OF THE TWO PARTIES INVOLVED HAD TO APPROVE AND SIGN ROSTER OF CIVILIAN PERSONNEL TO EFFECT THE EXCHANGE.

3. A SECOND INDIVIDUAL WITH THE SAME NAME WAS ARRESTED OCT 29, 1973 FOR POSSESSION AND DISTRIBUTION OF NARCOTICS. SHE WAS SENTENCED TO EIGHT MONTHS IMPRISONMENT BY THE SAIGON

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MILITARY COURT ON MARCH 28, 1974. SHE WAS RELEASED
JUNE 29, 1974.
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